

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, FR  
SUBJECT: THE CGT STATES ITS CASE

REF: PARIS 36839, 36040, 35723

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. SUMMARY: THE CGT HAS ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS OF ITS  
MEETINGS WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES OF THE LEFT.

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IN SO DOING, IT HAS ATTACKED THE SOCIALISTS AND RE-  
AFFIRMED THAT THE UNION WILL NEITHER HELP MANAGE  
THE CRISIS OF CAPITALISM NOR HOLD BACK IN PUSHING FOR  
ITS DEMANDS IN THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD.  
END SUMMARY.

2. ON DECEMBER 21, THE CGT RELEASED THE TEXT OF

A STATEMENT ADOPTED BY ITS EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE RESULTS OF THE FEDERATION'S MEETINGS WITH THE POLITICAL PARTIES OF THE LEFT (SEE REFS). PREDICTABLY, THE CGT FOUND THE POSITIONS OF THE PCF COMPARABLE TO ITS OWN; HAD A FEW KIND WORDS FOR THE MRG AND THE PSU (WHICH IT REPORTS HAS A NEW POSITION ON THE COMMON PROGRAM); AND NOTED SERIOUS DIFFERENCES WITH THE PS ON A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES. THE STATEMENT REAFFIRMS THE CGT'S POSITION THAT THE LEFT CAN REUNITE, BUT THAT WHAT IS NECESSARY IS A UNION OF "POPULAR FORCES" BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE COMMON PROGRAM AND THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE WORKING CLASS. THE STATEMENT CONCLUDES WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT THE WORKERS KNOW THEY CAN'T WAIT FOR POLITICAL CHANGE TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS, AND THAT FOR THAT REASON THE CGT WILL CALL ON THEM TO BEGIN AN IMMEDIATE STRUGGLE, ON THE LARGEST POSSIBLE SCALE, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THEIR DEMANDS AND FOR THE COMMON PROGRAM.

3. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELEASE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSION STATEMENT, CGT GENERAL SECRETARY SEGUY ATTACKED THE SOCIALIST PARTY FOR TRYING TO PRETEND THAT ITS DIFFERENCES WITH THE CGT WERE MINOR, AND FOR NOT REALLY WANTING TO TALK SERIOUSLY. SEGUY THEN SAID THAT WITH RESPECT TO TRYING TO REESTABLISH UNITY ON THE LEFT: "...IN FACT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EVERYTHING HINGES ON THE QUESTION OF KNOWING IF A VICTORIOUS LEFT WILL BE CONDEMNED TO MANAGE THE CRISIS OR IF IT WILL BE ABLE TO FREE THE COUNTRY BY PUTTING THE APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS INTO EFFECT WITHOUT HAVING TO BE AFRAID OF DOING CAPITALISM HARM. WITH RESPECT TO THAT QUESTION, THE CGT HAS MADE A CLEAR AND

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STRAIGHTFORWARD DECISION. WE REFUSE TO GUARANTEE  
THE LEFT'S MANAGEMENT OF THE CRISIS. WE ARE RESO-  
LUTELY IN FAVOR OF ALL OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
REFORMS NECESSARY. WE HAVE NO REASON TO SAVE  
CAPITALISM. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT IF ALL THE PARTIES  
OF THE LEFT HAD BEEN OF THAT SAME OPINION THERE WOULD  
HAVE BEEN NO RUPTURE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE UP-  
DATING OF THE COMMON PROGRAM. WE DON'T ACCEPT THE  
IDEA THAT WE MUST LIE DOWN IN THE FACE OF THE CRISIS  
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OF THE LEFT. WE INTEND TO OVERCOME IT WITHIN THE  
FRAMEWORK OF OUR TRADE UNION PREROGATIVE AND REMAIN  
TRUE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE WORKERS AND THUS OF OUR  
PRINCIPLES OF CLASS." END UNCLASSIFIED.

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4. COMMENT: THE NEXT STEP IN THE CGT'S PROGRAM OF  
ACTION IS, AS INDICATED, AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN  
AMONGST THE WORKERS. IN THAT CONNECTION, IT SEEMS  
TO BE GROWING CLEARER THAT THE CGT'S LINE IS GOING  
TO BE THAT ONLY THE "FULL" IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
COMMON PROGRAM CAN BRING FRANCE OUT OF THE RECESSION,  
AND THAT THAT FULL IMPLEMENTATION MEANS A DECIDED

BREAK WITH THE PRESENT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ORDER.  
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